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SUBJECT: DEATH OF EMMANUEL OLAJIDE OLATUNJI

REF: LAGOS 8962

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1. ON AUGUST 25, EMMANUEL OLAJIDE OLATUNJI, AGE 27, A THIRD YEAR STUDENT AT BISHOP COLLEGE, DALLAS, TEXAS, WAS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT AND KILLED BY A DALLAS POLICE OFFICER WHO WAS INVESTIGATING AN ARMED ROBBERY THAT HAD JUST OCCURRED. A NEARBY COUPLE (NO RACE GIVEN) POINTED OUT OLATUNJI AS ONE OF ROBBERY SUSPECTS. WHEN POLICE OFFICER CALLED OUT, OLATUNJI QUOTE BROKE AND RAN UNQUOTE. OFFICER FIRED ONE SHOT, WHICH KILLED OLATUNJI. NO OTHER SHOTS FIRED; NO OTHER PERSONS INJURED.

2. POLICE OFFICER DOES NOT RPT NOT HAVE PREVIOUS HISTORY OF HAVING SHOT ANYONE. TO DEPARTMENT'S KNOWLEDGE NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF APOLOGY WAS ISSUED. BLACK DALLAS CITY COUNCILMAN GEORGE ALLEN MAY HAVE MADE STATEMENT OF APOLOGY AND ORGANIZED FUND WHICH RAISED ABOUT \$8000 FROM PRIVATE SOURCES TO RETURN REMAINS TO NIGERIA. DALLAS

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MAYOR WISE ATTENDED MEMORIAL SERVICE.

3. POLICE OFFICER STILL ON THE JOB. INVESTIGATION NOW COMPLETE AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO GRAND JURY SOON (PERHAPS THIS WEEK).

4. NIGERIAN EMBASSY CONTACTED DEPARTMENT ONLY TO REQUEST THAT DALLAS CITY AUTHORITIES BE APPRISED OF INVESTIGATORY VISIT TO DALLAS BY EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARY. DEPARTMENT UNAWARE ANY OFFICIAL EMBASSY STATEMENT, ALTHOUGH EMBOFF MAY HAVE MADE STATEMENT IN DALLAS. (FYI - DEPTOFF EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES DURING VISIT TO EMBASSY CONCERNING OTHER MATTERS. THIRD-RANKING EMBOFF IMPLIED EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET NOT NECESSARY, DESPITE OBVIOUS TRAGEDY OF SITUATION.) END UNCLASSIFIED.

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5. AS A RESULT OF SHOOTING, SOME STUDENTS PLANNED NON-VIOLENT MARCH AND DEMONSTRATION TO BE HELD AUGUST 30. PARADE PERMIT WAS APPROVED. MARCH ALLEGEDLY ORGANIZED BY BLACK AMERICAN MALE PREVIOUSLY ASSOCIATED WITH UNUSUAL CAUSES AND CONVICTED OF FELONY. DEPARTMENT HAS NO REPORT ON MARCH BUT PRESUMES IT WAS NON-VIOLENT AND HAD SMALL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. DEPARTMENT UNAWARE ANY THREATS FROM ANY QUARTER. ONLY POLITICAL ACTIVITY MENTIONED WAS ASSOCIATION OF BLACK MALE DEMONSTRATION LEADER WITH SO-CALLED PEOPLES PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY, BASED AT DALLAS AND ORGANIZED FOR QUOTE NON-VIOLENT PURPOSES TO ASSIST THE HUNGRY, POVERTY-STRICKEN BLACKS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. UNQUOTE.

6. INFO IN PARAS 1 - 3 OBTAINED FROM DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT. INFO IN PARA 4 FROM FBI. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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